

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL  
MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM  
“SPECIAL CALLED MEETING”

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2007

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CHAIRMAN	JEAN WALLACE MCLEAN
VICE-CHAIR	MICKEY ROGERS
ADMINISTRATOR	CECIL KIMREY
COUNTY ATTORNEY	DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL:

JEAN MCLEAN,  
MICKEY ROGERS,  
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE,  
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

JEFF QUICK,  
CORRIE H. PLATO,  
KEN ALLEN,  
ANTHONY WOODS

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\* ABSENT

INVOCATION – Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, Chair

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance # 624 – An Ordinance approving the request of Marlboro Water Company, Inc. for an easement for the installation of Water Lines.

No discussion heard.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance # 624 – An Ordinance approving the request of Marlboro Water Company, Inc. for an easement for the installation of Water Lines – SECOND READING

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 624 - An Ordinance approving the request of Marlboro Water Company, Inc. for an easement for the installation of Water lines. Vote in favor. All in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Discussion of Budget FY 2007-2008

All Department Heads were requested to attend the meeting to discuss the budget. Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised that Staff has tried to keep the budget at what each department had last year but, the County still has a deficit of \$228,000. He advised every department's Training Travel & Meals was cut. It is his intention to try to purchase more reasonable gas mileage vehicles in the future. Mr. Kimrey stated there is not enough money to fund what needs to be funded, County will be in same situation next year. A cap has been placed on tax increases so the county will have to operate within means we have to operate. Mr. Kimrey asked if anyone had any questions. Mr. Sidney Wallace, Public Works Director advised with the limited overtime, the Judges would have to be notified because of the way it affects the 62 day plan. Mr. Kimrey said the sixty-two day program would have to be addressed. Mr. Mark Heath, Probate Judge said his only concern is his Training Travel and Meals. He distributed a letter from a Judge mandating that a Deputy Judge must complete 15 hours of training per year if they hold hearings. He said that he has been able to handle in the past himself, however, he knows of some situations coming up that his Deputy Judge will have to handle. He said he has to take continuing hours of education, however, he did not have to go last year because he had enough hours to carry over. He has always given back what he has not had to take. His new employee "must" take the training courses as mandated by the courts – current allowance will not cover it. Mr. Jerry Kendall, Veterans Affairs – said they are also mandated to take the training courses. He said he has been through the required training, however, his assistant has not. He said that without the training they cannot give the proper attention to the veterans. Mr. Earl Hood, Detention Center Warden questioned the COLA – advised will be given 2% this year.

### B. Discussion of Triple Canopy

Mr. Kimrey advised Marlboro County is working on a three prong approach: wastewater - contract with alliance, contract for water, and the turning lane at US 1 & Billy Wallace. Mr. Kimrey stated that there are no funds for turning lane at the moment, but, they are looking at different options for obtaining it – it will be a substantial undertaking. Mr. Butch Mills, Economic Development Director advised County has a commitment with the County Transportation Committee to handle everything that is needed as well as upgrading Billy Wallace Road as required by the highway engineers. Mr. Mills advised the Highway 1 intersection will be responsibility of the County. He advised that he and Mr. Kimrey spoke with owners of property today, trying to make some legitimate arrangements. They are approaching it as economically as possible, but do not want that one situation hold up the whole project. Mr. Donnie McDonald, County Attorney said we have established a good

repose with the EDA. The problem they had was with the easement with Mohasco .He said he spoke with Mr. Larry Perigini about the problem where the county had to put out funds (approximately one million dollars) and where we are waiting on a refund from EDA. Mr. Perigini was concerned about the problems we are having. Mr. McDonald heard from a lawyer from Greenville the same day who provided some amendments to the easement, in which EDA has already signed off on saying they accept it. We have one more issue which should not be a problem to handle.

- C. Approval of Change Order of contract awarded to Dixon Construction for Bennett Park project.

Mr. Kimrey advised they had additional funds and asked us to award to Dixon Construction. It was the only bid received.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to approve the change order of contract awarded to Dixon Construction for Bennett Park project. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers to enter executive session to discuss a Personnel issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried**

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to reenter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, Chair advised no decisions had been made, no votes had been taken.

Ms. Susan Rivers, Clerk to Council went over expected expenditures for the Hilton Head Conference. She advised reservations had been made for each Council member attending. A spread sheet had been prepared showing the expected reservations costs, registration fees, and reimbursements for travel & meals. She explained that at the present time only \$10,000 was placed in the FY 2007-2008 budget, with the expected Hilton Head trip alone is approximately \$10, 276.00. Mr. Kimrey advised he could transfer enough funds to training travel & meals to allow Council \$12,250.00. Council members were advised they would be given checks for the County's portion of their room charges to take with them to Hilton Head. They would be responsible for paying the balance of room charges over the County's portion. Council members were advised they would be given reimbursement for dinner the day they go down, full \$26.00 per diem for full days, and breakfast the day of departure. Ms. Rivers advised Council Members they would need to bring receipts back for actual expenses incurred for meals – the Internal Revenue can come back and audit Council members for these expenses.

Mr. Grover McQueen, Personnel Director advised the employee appreciation day is May 16<sup>th</sup>. Every effort has been made to cut cost, we understand we do have a deficit. The menu will be chicken and pork chops this year. We usually have a good participation. Pepsi Cola will give drinks this year. The event will be held at the Sheriff's Cabin this year.

It was discussed what will be done for an upcoming retiree. Mr. McQueen advised in the past we have given captains clocks.

Mr. Kimrey advised of the status with the proposed new library. He said that he has been dealing with the architects – we are at the point where he can not tell them to proceed any further until we get the money lined up. He advised he can not find a copy of their amended agreement – they are already over the limit of their original agreement.

Ms. Mickey Rogers updated Council on the Jamboree held at Lindsay Park. She stated it was an excellent turnout – more people than the concessions could handle. She was excited about the support that recreation is getting this year.

Ms. Jean Wallace McLean advised she has been approached again for some pavers for the Visitors Center – the garden club would put them down. Council members were advised the City wants the County to donate them. Council had previously advised the Administrator to run an ad in the local paper to sell as a whole – then if they are not purchased we can look at other options. Council were still agreeable to selling as a whole.

Sidney questioned helping Amvet by providing dirt. He advised we have helped others in the past. Council members were agreeable.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

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JEAN WALLACE MCLEAN, CHAIR  
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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SUSAN E. RIVERS, CLERK  
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Adopted: June 14, 2007